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A Grand Slam



Photo: Dave Floyd

SCRAMBLED LEGS: Regina Howard (left) and Nicole Christ (right) scramble for a loose ball in a win against Lincoln U. last week.

SEMO Responds To Professor's Lawsuit

by Russell Korando
editor-in-chief

Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) issued a statement in response to a lawsuit filed against the school Jan. 7.

Theodore Hirschfeld, of Cape Girardeau, filed a suit against SEMO for allegedly violating his rights to free speech and due process by accusing him of sexual harassment.

Art Wallhausen, assistant to the president at SEMO, issued the statement for the university.

The following statement is run in its entirety:

"Officials at SEMO are concerned that the public may be misled in an article in the Jan. 9, 1994 issue of the Southeast Missourian concerning the filing of a lawsuit against SEMO by a faculty member, Mr. Theodore Hirschfeld.

"The story presented in great detail the allegations made by Mr. Hirschfeld, with quotations from the plaintiff and his attorney. The story did not give a balanced view of the matter because university officials were not able to comment for publication, although in-

vited to do so by a Southeast Missourian reporter.

"It is difficult to respond to such a request, or to comment about Jan. 9's article, for two reasons: First, the matter is now in litigation, and, second, the university's policy on sexual harassment requires the institution to maintain the confidentiality of its investigation into the matter for the protection of

"It is possible, however, to make a few observations about the institution's sexual harassment policy:

"First, a very important purpose of any sexual harassment policy is protection of persons in a subordinate posture from the inappropriate use of power by one in authority—whether that power is the authority of a supervisor to an employee or of a teacher to a student.

"Second, as defined by the policy, harassment need not take the form of overt sexual advances; it may be conduct which interferes with another person's work or academic performance by 'creating a hostile, intimidating, or offensive working or learning environment.'

"Third, the university is sensitive to the issues of academic freedom and freedom

of speech, and its policy recognizes that sexual harassment is a difficult issue because individuals with different backgrounds may not have the same understanding of what constitutes harmful or offensive behavior.

"For that reason, a set of informal procedures is established by the policy to permit the two parties to resolve their differences through simple commu-

"University officials responsible for the enforcement of the policy against sexual harassment are bound to follow these processes in every instance of a complaint."

Art Wallhausen, assistant to the president, at Southeast Missouri State University

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Court Reinstates Four Groups

by Jeremy Rutherford
associate news editor

Four organizations have been reinstated in the UM-St. Louis Student Government Association (SGA) after being expelled by SGA for not complying with attendance policies.

The organizations reinstated were Pre-Med Society, Social Works Student Association, Chinese Student Association and the International Student Association. Pending their appeals, the organizations' funds were frozen, but since they are now in good standing with SGA, the funds will be reissued.

SGA bylaws state that if an organization misses more than three SGA meetings, its representative is expelled. SGA held five meetings so far this

year.

Masters said he wasn't thrilled with expelling the seven organizations, but it was the only way to enforce the bylaws.

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Nasser Alshahrani, International Student Association treasurer, said it was unfair when his organization was expelled from SGA.

"There was miscommunication between the

president and the representative," Alshahrani said. "The representative resigned without telling the president, and that is why no one was attending

the meetings. "Because we do a lot of activities, it was not fair to expel us because we didn't attend the meetings."

Craig Siman, Pre-Med Society representative, said there was also a

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Offices Could Be 'Just A Phone Call Away'

Telephone Registration May Lead To Other Uses Of Interactive Voice Response System

by Clint Zweifel
news editor

Students who suffer stress from waiting in line when paying tuition or receiving financial aid may have an easier way to do these things in the future.

James Krueger, vice chancellor of Managerial and Technological Services at UM-St. Louis, said the university has had preliminary discussions about the use of Interactive Voice Response System (IVR) for the cashiers and financial aid offices. The system is currently being used for telephone registration. she has attended some of the

preliminary discussions concerning IVR, and would welcome such a system into the cashier's office. The use of IVR would work well for tuition payments, she said, saving students time they would have to spend in person at the cashier's office.

Robertson said, though, students would still have to pick up parking stickers and complete other duties in person.

"It would save a lot of time for students," she said. "Their time is better spent attending classes. Paying for classes is the major task. But there are other things to accomplish. A lot of other functions have to happen."

Ernest Cornfeld, UM-St. Louis di-

rector of finance, said all four UM campuses would have access to IVR by working from computers at UM-Columbia, thus saving each university the money it would have to spend to develop its own program. Cornfeld said he spoke with the director of financial aid at UM-Columbia, who hopes to get the system running by early fall. He said UM-St. Louis has shown an interest adding an IRV to the financial aid office.

Krueger said IRV needs to be a UM-system effort to make its operations more streamlined and keep costs down.

"All the core systems are common to the four campuses," he said. "It's a

way to work cooperatively as a system. If we went off and did something on our own and the system changed then we would have to change. We're much better off pushing at the system level."

Robertson said she expects the cashier's office be part of IVR when they have the option to do so, although costs for the system will be the determining factor.

"I am confident there will be a lot of discussion in all of our offices to try to streamline," Robertson said. "I am confident

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Asbestos Suspected In J.C. Penney Building

by Jeremy Rutherford
associate news editor

Asbestos has possibly been detected by the maintenance department in Room 78 of the J.C. Penney Building.

Jim Hickerson, director of Environmental Health and Safety, said a sample had been removed from Room 78, and sent to a laboratory. He said it is expected back soon.

"We have reason to believe that it is asbestos," Hickerson said. "Because it has a similar appearance to the asbestos we have found in the past."

Asbestos is the name given to a group of naturally fibrous organic materials that are divided into smaller groups. It is commonly used in designing roofing, wall siding and pipe lagging.

Ron Schrum, manager of Maintenance Operations, said asbestos was an accepted form of insulation five or six years ago.

"I don't know about the problem being widespread," Schrum said. "But it has been found on pipes in the equipment rooms. The doors were installed

when the buildings were designed, and that was when asbestos was used in the making of doors to prevent fires from spreading from one room to another. In this case (JC Penney, Room 78), the door has been removed."

Schrum said the Physical Plant does not take any chances when dealing with asbestos.

"If my crew sees anything that may be asbestos, they immediately do two things," Schrum said. "They call the Safety and Risk to come and take a sample first, and they tape off the area. If there is any chance, boom!"

According to the St. Louis County Health Department, asbestos fibers become imbedded in the lining of the lung when inhaled and the body is unable to expel them.

Diseases associated with asbestos are: asbestosis—scarring of the lung tissue, lung cancer—associated with asbestos exposure in the 1930's, mesothelioma—cancer of the lining of the lungs or abdomen.

Hickerson said it is something that definitely needs to be watched.

"The objects affected by asbestos are very expensive to replace, but we are making a move on it."

They're Seeking Shelter From Storm

Lack Of Shelters At Shuttle Stops Is Making Life Rough For Some

by Michael O'Brian
of The Current staff

Winter weather has some students upset. Some say they're being left out in the cold.

Phyllis Hinchey, a second-semester senior at UM-St. Louis, suffers from severe arthritis. Her condition impairs her ability to drive forcing her to make use of the UM-St. Louis shuttle service.

"There needs to be a shelter at Alumni Circle for those of us who have to take the shuttle," said Hinchey.

The request is not a new proposition. The issue has been on the table for at least two years, according to Marilyn Ditto, coordinator of special services.

"The original issue was concerning the possibility that Bi-State would be providing a shelter there," said Ditto.

Ditto said funds were being diverted, probably due to the construction of MetroLink, and there were no appropriations for the new shelters.

"Sometimes I get so cold that I can

barely walk to class," Hinchey said. "The cold weather does make my condition worse."

The shuttle service is under the direction of the Administrative Services and Police Department. Hinchey said that in November she approached Jim Krueger, vice chancellor of Managerial and Technological Services, who began quoting prices to her and said to draft a proposal in writing.

"The shelter issue has been diverted to Marty Rochester of Senate Student Affairs," said Ditto. At this time the Current has been unable to contact Rochester for comment.

The subject did come up in a Senate Student Affairs Committee meeting on Nov. 19. It was then to be forwarded to the Student Services Fee Committee with a filing deadline of Jan. 14.

Hillary Newton, junior, is restricted to an electric wheelchair.

"If I was sure someone would be there to open the door I could wait in Woods Hall," Newton said. "Instead, I



Photo: Michael O'Brien

Students waiting for the UM-St. Louis shuttle stop in Alumni Circle last week. Having shelters for the stops is now in the hands of Marty Rochester of the Senate Student Affairs Committee.

sit out in the rain and snow. My book was ruined," Newton said, pointing to a tattered copy of a novel.

The cost on the shelters has been

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sometime in the future the cashier's office will be part of that."

Glenn Allen, director of registration at UM-St. Louis, said he is pleased with telephone registration even though usage of the system did not meet his expectations for Winter semester. Allen said he expected 50 to 60 percent of those enrolled to use IRV for Winter Semester registration, though only 20 percent used it. He said there were a few reasons for the lower than expected usage.

"I don't think we got the word out good," Allen said. "There was a bug in the program in the beginning and people got disgusted at it."

Allen said, though, through talking with students, IVR is working smoother and the problems it has had have been minor.

"If you're using it, you can make a good suggestion," he said. "We hope to simplify it and get it in the hands of everyone. There's been a hell of a lot of progress and we're gonna make more. We're going to continue to fine tune things."

Allen said a fine tuned IVR will make the development of similar systems for other offices easier. He also said the cost of developing a system for those offices would be one-half of the monies paid for telephone registration, since the university already has the basic program needed for development of the system.

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lack of communication with his organization. He said they are now aware of the by-laws, and will abide by them.

"Our treasurer received the notices from SGA concerning our attendance problem. But the treasurer did not relay the message to us," Siman said. "That is good that SGA sent us the letters. With our schedules this semester, we will make sure one person always attends the meetings."

Rick Blanton, associate director of Student Activities, said participation is the most important factor in creating a good SGA. He said all organizations need to be part of the governing process.

"Indeed a cost beneficial action took place here," Blanton said. "If these groups are going to come to Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) for funding, they need to attend the SGA meetings. It's a symbiotic relationship, and they will recognize that it is mutual and beneficial."

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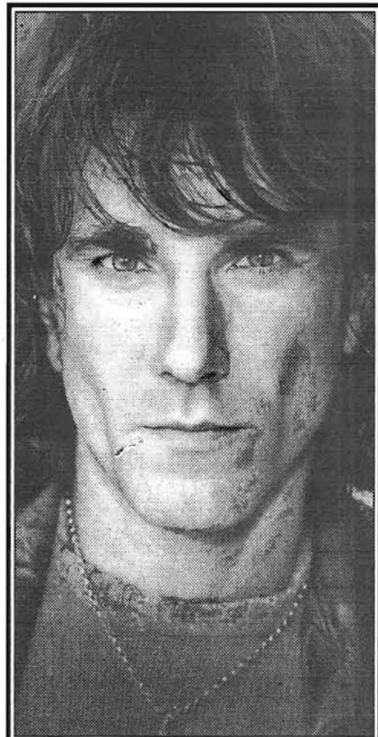
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KWMMU Hosts Third Annual Fund Drive

by Jeffrey Struyk
features editor

If any of you guys out there are like me, you probably dread this time of year: Valentine's Day. What's this holiday about? Love and friendship, or is it yet another overcommercialized holiday? Personally, I think it was created by greeting card companies as an excuse to boost sales in the post-Christmas economic slump.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not a man without sentiment. It just seems that we're bombarded with hundreds of advertisements daily telling us what we should buy to win the hearts of our loved ones (whom, going by the definition of "loved ones", we should have already won the hearts of). It seems that the only sure-fire way to please your significant other is with diamonds. Yeah, she'd love the diamond, but then I couldn't afford to take her out anywhere to show it off. Or pay the rent, for that matter!

Of course there are other more economical gifts. Places like Doctor John's offer a wide assortment of body cremes, toys and edible underwear. That should

make someone happy. More likely the giver than the receiver.

Why should we stress out about something that is supposed to be from the heart? I thought the hustle and bustle of the holiday season was over. Why should it be so hard to find a gift that says "I love you," or "I care?"

Whatever happened to candy and flowers?

The UM-St. Louis radio station, KWMMU (90.7 FM), offers a solution. For the third year in a row, KWMMU is holding their "For The Love of Public Radio" fund drive. Supporters of the station can pledge donations and in turn receive a gift that can be delivered anywhere in the country.

"It's a tax deductible way to pledge your support to not only your listening habit but to give (a gift) to someone you care about," said Patricia Wente, KWMMU general manager.

Pledges will be taken from Jan. 29 through Feb. 11. A person who makes a pledge of \$40 receives a box of chocolates. For a pledge of \$60, you get a half dozen roses and for \$120 you can send a dozen roses. To make a pledge, call 553-6161.

"They start delivering (the gifts) Feb. 11," said Helen Fields, KWMMU membership manager. They will be delivered by Feb. 14, Valentine's Day.

The fund drive is vital because of recent funding cutbacks by the university. "We raise \$5 for every (\$1) the university gives us," Wente said.

The goal for the drive is \$57,500 from 885 listeners.

KWMMU is also in need of volunteers to answer phones and take pledges. KWMMU will provide snacks and beverages for volunteers.

"I think this is one of the most fun things all year that we do to raise money because people like what they get out of it but they also support the public (radio) station, so it works all the way around," Wente said.

Wente also said that volunteers should be creative and willing to make suggestions about what to write on the greeting card.

"We have volunteers in here that are trying to be love counselors. We're like The Love Connection."

If you're interested in volunteering, call the KWMMU Volunteer Hotline at 553-6772.



Photo: Marilyn Zimmerman

FOR THE LOVE OF PUBLIC RADIO: Volunteers answer phones and take pledges at a KWMMU-FM fund drive.

University Players Stage Open Audition

by Jeffrey Struyk
features editor

I'll never forget my acting debut. It was the winter semester of 1990 during the Greek Week "Sing" competition. According to the rules of the competition, no people outside the fraternity are allowed to participate in the games. So, with an all-male cast, we performed "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." It was the only time I will ever wear a dress in public (or in private, for that matter).

There is a student organization that takes theatre a little more seriously than we did. They're called the University Players and they're holding open auditions for their production of "Room Service."

Kathy Leicht, president of the University Players and assistant director of "Room Service," said that anyone interested in trying out is welcome regardless of experience.

"Basically they (prospective cast members) come in and fill out the form that tells of previous experience," Leicht said. "They will be given a portion of the script. They can read it first to themselves. We don't want people to



Photo: Adam Brenner

BREAK A LEG: The University Players in last year's production of "Don't Drink the Water."

get up there and do their worst. We want to see them at their best."

Even if a student goes through the audition and is not assigned to a role, there are other opportunities to work on the production crew.

"When it comes down to the play, it's like we're professionals even though we're just students," Leicht

said. "We take it seriously and still have fun. It's kind of exciting to know that we do it all on our own."

Auditions for "Room Service" will be held Feb. 1 and 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Benton Hall Theatre. For more information, call Tom O'Keefe at 426-3465.

The play is tentatively scheduled to open April 29.

Hiding In The Woodwork: Pierre Laclède Honors College



story and photo by
Michael O'Brian
associate features editor

Slightly southeast of main campus tucked in the tight community of Bel Nor, hides the Pierre Laclède Honors College.

The school, founded in 1989, is named in the honor of Pierre de Laclède who founded and named the city of St. Louis.

With high academic status and proven prior commitment to the educational process, students attend the college which is styled after the tradi-

tional Oxford University curriculum. That style is one emphasizing small discussion seminars in a more intimate student/teacher relationship.

The college is located a short drive out Normandy Road, up the hill where the pine trees grow. The drive to the four-story structure makes for a visually-pleasing trip. The architecture suggests 1950s that wants to be 1800s. Still, the craftsmanship and cleanliness of the grounds and the inside of the building makes you wonder if you are still on the UM-St. Louis campus. Indeed, the phone number does require a three-digit code to communicate with the school.

Two programs are offered at the Honors College. They are the two-year and the four-year programs. The four-year is for students who go directly into the Honors College from high school, and the two-year is geared to attract the transfer student.

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Chatter Box

by Chris Sutherland
of The Current staff

"What is your reaction to the Lorena Bobbit trial?"



Gerald A.P. Hill
Business Management Exchange

"Although capable of being nice, women are very violent elements of society. According liability must be evaluated prior to contact."

Deborah Nelson
Secondary Education/
English Teacher



"She really needs some counseling. She should have taken another alternative."



Steve Mitchell
Sophomore
Computer Science

"Total miscarriage of justice."

Yashice Smith
Freshman
Biology



"Although her actions were drastic, it was bound to happen. The verdict was great! It showed men everywhere that rape will not be tolerated—not even in marriage."

Rent Without Lament: Avoiding Troubles When Moving

by Michael O'Brian
associate features editor

Students who are new to the rental process should prepare for better or worse. Keep good records and know your rights and responsibilities.

Under the Missouri law you, as a tenant, are required to: pay your rent when due, get rid of waste that may attract bugs, follow municipal codes of your township, give appropriate notice and make arrangements to turn in keys and not purposely damage landlord's property.

There are two types of rental agreements in Missouri. Most are month-to-month which require a thirty-day notice by either landlord or tenant to terminate. The second, is a set-period lease which cannot be terminated by tenant or landlord, except for violations of the lease, until the designated time stated in the lease has elapsed.

Meet with the landlord to walk through the property before signing a lease. Make a list of existing damage within the structure. Talk out any potential problems which may arise. It is better to realize a rental agreement is not going to work than to run into problems later.

Ensure everything you discuss is

mentioned in the lease. This document is your protection if problems do arise. Take pictures of the condition of the apartment as it appears when you assume control of the property.

Keep records of rent payments and security deposits for your future protection (i.e. cancelled checks, money order receipts, cash receipts; signed and dated by the landlord or manager).

Your landlord is responsible to maintain a minimal standard of living conditions within your dwelling. These standards are defined by area housing codes. If conditions in your dwelling are hazardous or unsanitary, report the information to your landlord. Write a letter to the landlord stating the problem and when it is to be fixed. The letter should include the date, the time and any agreements made during conversation. Photocopy this letter and send the original to your landlord. Keep the copy for your records.

If, after a reasonable time, repairs are not made, you can withhold a portion of your rent. You should inform the landlord you will be taking such action. You should also contact the area housing commission to have them inspect the existing problems. Get information from the inspector and keep it for your records.

A set period lease can be broken if living conditions are bad enough and the landlord will not make the needed repairs. You must be able to prove that the problems were not your fault, and the landlord did not correct them.

Write a letter to your landlord which specifies the date upon which you will terminate your lease, photo-copy it and

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Beyond The Dream VI: "Blacks In Politics- A Struggle For Inclusion"

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Ideas About Sunshine Law Cloudy Between Students, Press

by Larry Offner
advisor to *The Current*

Lively and spirited debate is a hallmark of an effective university. To view the recent handcuffing of one of our reporters as the opening gambit in one such debate.

The Current news editor, Clint Zweifel, had come to me early in the week of Jan. 17 with the news that the Student Court hearing on the appeals of groups expelled from the Student Government Association would be closed. Zweifel felt it should be open under the Missouri Sunshine Law. That law states what government-related meetings should be open to the press. After reading the law, I concluded that an argument could be made supporting Zweifel's position. However, as I am licensed to practice law only in California—where the Sunshine Law is called the Brown Act. I suggested he contact the attorney for the Missouri Press Association. She agreed that the law could be read in support of Zweifel's position. Based on these two interpretations of the statute, *The Current* decided to send Zweifel to the meeting.



The Student Court took a position exactly opposite to *The Current*. Objections were raised. Phone calls were made. Handcuffs were produced.

I noticed during the denouement that counsel to the university was also cautious in his interpretation of the Sunshine Law. It seems to be a fair statement, after an initial review by three attorneys that the application of the Sunshine Law to student government activities at a public university in Missouri is not yet crystal clear.

This is the question that *The Current* and its editors once debated. My position is that everyone acted correctly and on their beliefs during the initial round of this debate. Zweifel has stated repeatedly that the University Police acted in the most professional manner in handcuffing him. The Student Court defended its position with vigor. Everyone did their job in framing the issue. Chancellor Touhill telephoned to apologize to Zweifel. Her subsequent memo advocates a campus that "nurtures lively debate in and out of the classroom."

We concur wholeheartedly, and while we intend to avoid future physical confrontations, we look forward to the intellectual clash that will resolve the question: Should a student court be open to the scrutiny of a student newspaper?

Chancellor Responds To Students' Dismissal From Hearing

The following statement is printed in its entirety

I believe that the University of Missouri-St. Louis should be a place that nurtures lively debate in and out of the classroom as a function of its educational mission. One such debate occurred last week between members of the Student Court and student-run *The Current* newspaper over the issue of open meetings.

Unfortunately, last Thursday, Jan. 20, a *The Current* was escorted in handcuffs by University police from the proceedings of the Student Court after the reporter refused a request by the student chief justice to leave "closed" hearings. Several student organizations apparently were appealing their expulsion by the Student Government Association (SGA).

Reports conveyed to me indicate that the officers acted calmly in this situation and treated the student professionally, but I'm concerned by the overall issues raised. I will examine with Chief John Pickens the relationship with police within the campus community. I have contacted the student reporter to express my concern about the use of handcuffs in this incident.

I have asked Sandy MacLean, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, to review with student leaders the constitution of SGA and/or the by-laws of the Student Association. Students need to consider whether these documents should reflect what proceedings can or cannot be closed and under what circumstances a meeting can be closed.

I provide you with this information because it is an important issue of which I thought you would want to be apprised.

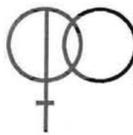
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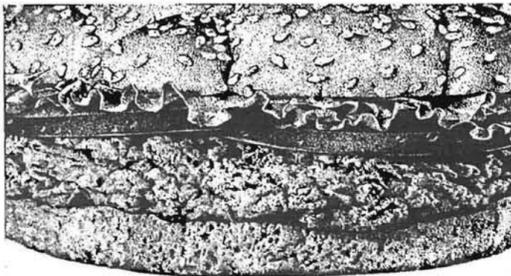
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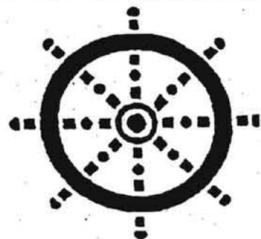
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Basketball vs. Lincoln



Satterfield's Three Pointers Bury Lincoln

by Pete Dicrispino
associate sports editor

Laura Satterfield scored 22 points, including six three pointers, to lead the UM-St. Louis women's basketball team to a 81-61 victory over Lincoln University last Wednesday.

Satterfield was six out of 10 from the three-point line including four in the second half, to put the Tigerettes away.

"Laura gave us an excellent game," UM-St. Louis head coach Jim Coen said. "If she doesn't get hot, we may struggle the rest of the game."

Struggle is exactly what the Riverwomen did for most of the game. The Tigerettes came in with a record of 4-9 overall and only 1-5 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Association Conference (MIAA). The Riverwomen might have been expecting an easier game than what the Tigerettes gave them.

"I think we tend to rise to the level of our competition," Coen said. "I don't think the kids take them too lightly, I just think they don't know how to prepare for this type of game."

In the first half, the game was filled with wild play and loads of turnovers on both sides.

The Riverwomen committed 13 turnovers in the first half while the Tigerettes had 19.

If not for the hard play of forward Nancy Hesemann, the Riverwomen would have went into the locker room down by nine, instead of up by nine (29-20).

Hesemann was all over the court and had nine points and nine rebounds in the first half. She finished the game with 15 points.

"Nancy played a great game for us," Coen said.

Satterfield agreed with Coen's assessment of Hesemann's play. "She played really well, she's the best shooter on our team," Satterfield said. "But she has improved so much on driving to the basket; she's an all-around player now."

In the second half, the Riverwomen turned up the tempo and thanks to Satterfield opened up a comfortable lead.

"We knew we had to get up in the second half, because we had a sluggish start," Hesemann said.

Satterfield, who missed tying the UM-St. Louis three-point record by one, got her team going in the second half.

"We play bad against bad teams," Satterfield said.

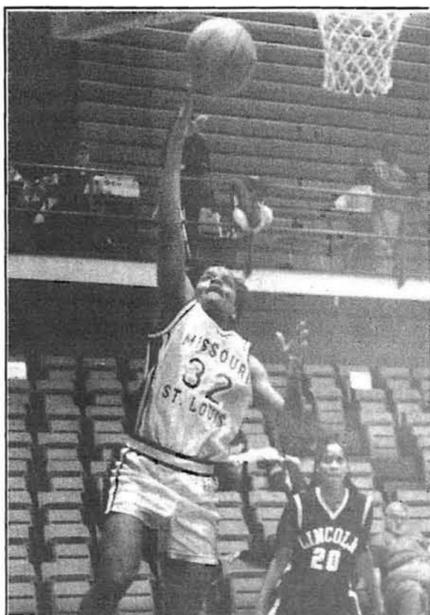


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DOWNSIDE: Junior center Arletha Lewis (#32) had been scorching the basket, but she was cooled off by the Lincoln defense which held her to four points.

"I'm glad I hit some big threes to get the momentum going."

With 10 minutes left to go, guards Nicole Christ, Lisa Jordan, and Satterfield hit three pointers within a span of three minutes to build up a 15-point lead.

After the long-distance bombs, the Tigerettes didn't have enough to mount a comeback.

"We went down to their level and played like crap," Coen said. "That was the worst first half we played all year."

The Riverwomen improved their record to 12-8 overall and 4-3 in the MIAA.

Free Throw Shooting Woes.

The Riverwomen continue to be awful from the line. Against Lincoln, the team was 13-28 and are shooting around 60 percent as a team on the season.

Albert Leaves Tigers Blue With Game-Winning Three

by Rob Goedeker
of The Current staff

The UM-St. Louis men's basketball team has won two conference games in a row, thanks to a three-point basket by Marcus Albert that broke a 79-79 tie against Lincoln, Wednesday.

With 39 seconds remaining, Albert's shot gave the Rivermen a 84-82 victory.

Albert finished the game with a career-high 30 points and set a school record with eight three pointers. The Rivermen trailed the game throughout most of the first half, falling behind by as many as nine points (37-28). After a couple of three pointers by Malcom Hill and Marcus Albert and free throws by Marvin Smith and Lawndale Thomas, in a span of 2:42, the Rivermen managed to run into the locker room with a one point halftime lead 38-37.

The Rivermen led throughout most of the second half; by as many as 11, but allowed Lincoln to chisle into the lead and come within one point (62-61) at 8:35 and later take a one-point lead (71-70) with 5:04 remaining in the game on a jump shot by Ray Hooper. The game stayed close in the remaining five minutes until Albert hit the last of

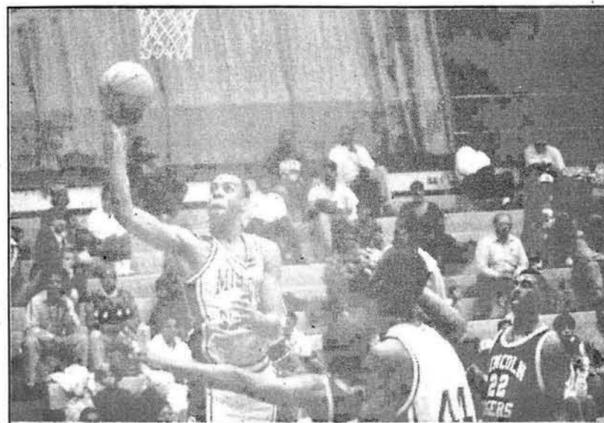


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LOOK OUT BELOW: Sophomore guard Lawndale Thomas (#3) pulls down a rebound as teammate Marvin Smith (#44) boxes out a Lincoln player. Thomas hit a key three pointer before half-time to give the Rivermen a three-point lead.

his eight three pointers to put the Rivermen ahead for good. Rodney Hawthorne hit a couple of insurance free throws with 13 seconds remaining to help secure the victory for the Rivermen.

The difference in the game for UM-St. Louis was their three-point shooting and their defensive rebounding. Lincoln shot a better field goal percentage, 52 percent (33-64), than the Rivermen for the game, but only made

three three pointers to the Rivermen's 11.

The Rivermen are 2-5 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) and 6-9 overall. UM-St. Louis has won two games in a row, but still need to improve after losing a 11 point lead and almost the game to Lincoln who are last in the MIAA conference with a 0-7 record, 1-14 overall.

Rivermen Offense Cold As Ice

by Cory Schroeder
sports editor

After a fruitful road trip to Tennessee, the Rivermen returned home to be cooled off by Meramec.

The UM-St. Louis hockey club had picked up two key victories against the University of Tennessee at Knoxville to improve their record to 4-5-1, and had expected an easy victory over last-place Meramec. But the Warriors came out hot, firing off 27 shots alone in the first period which resulted in six goals.

"I don't know if we were tired, (the game started at 10:15 p.m.) but we sure started too slow," UM-St. Louis coach Wayne Gholson said.

Despite giving up six goals in the first period, senior goaltender Eric Yarbrough was stalwart and gave up just two goals the rest of the way.

"Eric was sparkling and made some incredible saves," Gholson said. "But we just got two new defenseman and the pairing was sloppy, early on."

The Rivermen were already minus defensive stopper John Dubicki, who has led them all year with a plus/minus rating of +13. Without Dubicki, the Rivermen defense looked lost and often collapsed too far in the crease around

Yarbrough.

"We continually let two guys camp in front of our goal," defenseman Bob Weinmann said.

All the offense UM-St. Louis was able to muster came from senior forward Dan Moran who recorded his second hat trick of the season.

Moran was slick, slapping quick shots and holding his position despite blistering checks by a much bigger Meramec squad.

"I got some good chances," Moran said. "Dan (Dagenais) and I are really starting to click together."

Dagenais, the Rivermen's leading scorer entering the game, did assist on one of Moran's goals but was surpris-

ingly a non-factor most of the game.

"He didn't have as good of a game as we would have liked, but he's been carrying the load all season, which is a lot to ask of a freshman," Gholson said.

Gholson and assistant coach Bill Nieman have had Dagenais experimenting with a shorter stick which should increase the quickness of his shot. Dagenais has been slow to adapt to it but has started making advances.

With Dagenais and Moran accounting for most of the offense, Gholson is hoping that the first scoring line of Glen LeCour, Derek Schaub and Joe Poropat can pick up some of the slack and produce some much needed points.

The Quote Box



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If you are served a summons by personal service, a judge has the power to order you to pay back rent and damages and to give the landlord the right to evict you whether you show up in court or not.

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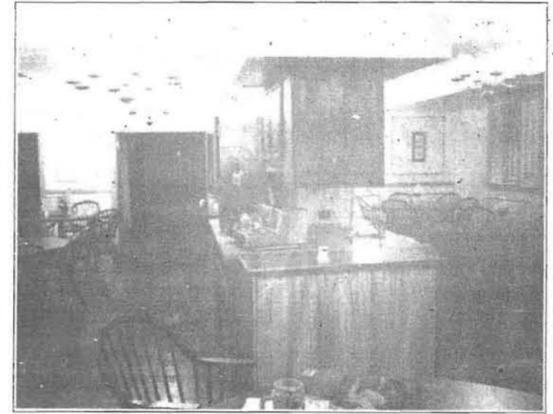


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"Finally, for the record, the university's policy is enforced uniformly, without reference to any individual's political views, and with great respect for established principles of academic freedom and the right to freedom of speech. Any allegation that the personal political views of a faculty member have any bearing on the university's response in a sexual harassment case is absolutely without foundation."

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